Appointment of Judges of the High Court

* 10 Q.—Dr. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) the procedure adopted for the appointment of Judges of the High Court; and

(b) whether the State Government are consulted before a person of the State is appointed as a Judge of the Supreme Court?

The Hon Sri R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) : (a) & (b) I regret I cannot answer the question, as the Government consider that it would be against the public interest.

Mr. CHAIRMAN : Question No. 11.

Dr. A. SRINIVASAN : Sir, am I not entitled to.

Mr. CHAIRMAN : I have passed on to question No. 11.

First Grade Language Pandits

* 11 Q.—Sri T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the principle adopted for the fixation of the strength of First Grade Language Pandits in aided secondary schoods?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : Grade 1 pandits are allowed for secondary schools if such pandits have work for not less than 17 hours per week in the higher forms.

Sri T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : May I point out to the Hon. the Minister for Education that where there is only one section in each of the higher forms, for a Grade 1 pandit, there is not sufficient work. Though there are two pandits for the higher and the lower forms, if there is only one section in each of the forms, there is no need for more than one pandit. There is not sufficient work for a Grade I pandit. Will the Government consider such cases?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : I think this point has been considered more than once, and we have come to the same conclusion. If there are any fresh complaints, the hon. Member may write to me about them.

Sri T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Sir, I should like to point out that in the case of Sanskrit Pandits . . .

Mr. CHAIRMAN : I have told once, twice and thrice that hon. Members should put supplementary questions and not give information. Hon. Members can only ask supplementary questions.

Sri T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Sir, is the Hon. Minister aware that in the case of Telugu pandits, even though Telugu is adopted as the regional language, there may not be more than